

## REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21-24, 26, 27, and 29-36 are pending in the application.

By the foregoing Amendment, claims 34-36 are sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

These changes are believed not to introduce new matter, and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

Based on the above Amendment and the following Remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections, and withdraw them.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his indication that claims 1-7, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-24, 26, 27, and 29-33 are allowable.

### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 34-36 were rejected based on U.S. Patent No. 6,533,325 to Steidinger in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,279 to Charley, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,019,280 to Peterson. This rejection is overcome by the proposed cancellation of claims 34-36.

Entry of Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116

Entry of this amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116(b) is believed to be in order, inasmuch as the only proposed amendment is the cancellation of rejected claims 34-36.

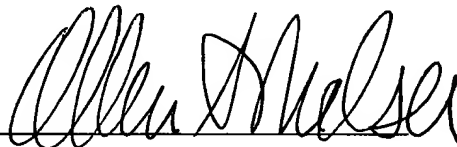
Conclusion

All rejections have been complied with, properly traversed, or rendered moot. Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for allowance. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative so that this case may receive an early Notice of Allowance.

Entry of this Amendment and favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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